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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 3533

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, YS, KU
SUBJECT: KUWAITI MEDIATION BETWEEN PDRY AND CONSERVATIVE
NEIGHBORS

1. THE KUWAITI PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT KUWAIT HAS AGREED TO
WORK FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOUTH YEMEN
AND OMAN AND SAUDI ARABIA, RESPECTIVELY. AL-WATAN
JUNE 9 QUOTES VISITING PDRY FON MIN MOHAMMED SALEH MUTI
FOR PROPOSITION THAT NORMALIZATION WOULD HELP PDRY LOOSEN
ITS TIES TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, AND THAT GOVERNMENT
IN ADEN WISHES REVIEW IT PAST SUPPORT FOR SOVIET-BACKED
ETHIOPIAN MILITARY REGIME.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT FON MIN SHAIKH SABAH
AL-AHMAD HAD AGREED TO PDRY REQUEST MADE BY PRI MIN ALI
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NASIR AL-HASANI AND HAD ELICITED WILLINGNESS BY BOTH
SAUDIS AND OMANIS TO MEET WITH SOUTH YEMENIS. ACTING
ARAB AFFAIRS DIRECTOR IBRAHIM AL-MOOSA CAUTIONED ME
JUNE 12 THAT WHILE KUWAIT IS ALWAYS WILLING TO
PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS AMONG ARAB BROTHERS, HE HAD SEEN
LITTLE EVIDENCE OF ANY BASIC CHANGE IN PDRY POLICY. HE
DOUBTED THAT SOVIETS WOULD PERMIT PDRY TO MAKE CHANGES

SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW GOOD RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA.
HOWEVER, ACTING UNDERSECRETARY AT MFA HAS TOLD BRITISH
AMBASSADOR HE BELIEVES THE SOUTH YEMENIS GENUINELY
WISH TO REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIET UNION.
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